CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): In combination, a plurality of disks including a first disk and a second disk stacked upon said first disk, and a powder disposed between said first disk and said second disk, said powder facilitating removal of said first disk from said second disk, and protecting said first disk and said second disk from scratches, and serving to cushion said first disk and said second disk to protect said disks from impact damage, when said second disk is stacked upon said first disk,

wherein said first disk and said second disk are each comprised of one of a glass and glass ceramic; and

wherein only said powder spaces said first disk from said second disk.

Claims 2-3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The combination recited in claim <u>1</u> 2, wherein said powder is comprised of an inorganic material.

Claim 5 (Original): The combination recited in claim 4, wherein said inorganic material is calcium carbonate.

Claim 6 (Original): The combination recited in claim 4, wherein said inorganic material is selected from the group consisting of calcium carbonate, calcium magnesium carbonate, calcium phosphate, magnesium carbonate, magnesium borate, magnesium oxide, magnesium phosphate, and clay.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The combination recited in claim 1 2, wherein said powder is a mineral powder.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The combination recited in claim 1 2, wherein said powder has a size of about 200 mesh.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): In combination, a plurality of disks including a first glass or ceramic-glass disk and a second glass or ceramic-glass disk stacked upon said first disk, and a powder disposed between said first disk and said second disk, wherein said first disk is spaced apart from said second disk by only said powder.

Claims 10-20 (Cancelled).

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): In combination, a plurality of disks including a first disk and a second disk stacked upon said first disk, and a plurality of fine, loose particles constituting a powder disposed between said first disk and said second disk, said plurality of fine, loose particles facilitating removal of said first disk from said second disk, and protecting said first disk and said second disk from scratches, and serving to cushion said first disk and said second disk to protect said disks from impact damage, when said second disk is stacked upon said first disk,

wherein said first disk and said second disk are each comprised of one of a glass and glass ceramic; and

wherein said first disk is spaced apart from said second disk by only said fine, loose particles.

Claim 22 (Canceled).

Claim 23 (Previously Presented): The combination recited in claim 21, wherein said fine, loose particles space said first disk from said second disk.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The combination recited in claim 21, wherein said fine, loose particles are comprised of an inorganic material.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): The combination recited in claim 24, wherein said inorganic material is calcium carbonate.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): The combination recited in claim 24, wherein said inorganic material is selected from the group consisting of calcium carbonate, calcium magnesium carbonate, calcium phosphate, magnesium carbonate, magnesium borate, magnesium oxide, magnesium phosphate, and clay.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): The combination recited in claim <u>21</u> 22, wherein said powder is a mineral powder.

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): The combination recited in claim $\underline{21}$ $\underline{22}$, wherein said fine, loose particles have a size of about 200 mesh.

Claim 29 (Canceled).